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## **NDOT Reveals Winners of 2022 “Name a Snowplow” Contest**

March 29, 2022 (Lincoln, Neb.) — The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is excited to announce the winners of its inaugural “Name a Snowplow” contest! With more than 300 submissions by Nebraska elementary school students, the list was narrowed down to 17 winners.

According to Shannon Ankeny, NDOT Director of Communications and Public Policy, the creativity of students’ submissions was impressive, making it difficult to narrow down the list. Some of the winning names included Blizzard of Oz, Darth Blader, Snowbuster, and Snow Big Red.

Ankeny noted, “We were excited to give Nebraska’s students the chance to get involved in naming our plows. It’s also a great way to recognize our hardworking snowplow drivers and maintenance workers, who are often the unsung heroes of keeping our roads safe during and after winter weather.”

The selected plows will be branded with their new monikers and have been updated on NDOT’s <https://plows.nebraska.gov> where the name and location of each plow is available in real time. While NDOT has over 600 snowplows, these 17 winners will be the only ones identified by name for now. NDOT will share additional information on its social media pages, including when the 17 names are placed on the snowplows.

According to Ankeny, NDOT plans to have another contest next year, with the goal to have 30 new names to add by early October.

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Here are the schools with winning snowplow names and the districts to which they will be assigned,

Snowplow Name	District	School
Blizzard Buster	D7	Bloomfield Elementary School
Blizzard of Oz	D2	Bloomfield Elementary School
Darth Blader	D1	McCool Junction Public School
Dragon Flame	D4	Our Redeemer Lutheran Staplehurst
Drift Slayer	D6	Bloomfield Elementary School
Flurry Force	D5	High Plains Community
Ice breaker 2000	D3	Bloomfield Elementary School
Peppermint	D8	Malcolm Public Schools
Plower Power	D3	Bloomfield Elementary School
Snow Angel	D7	Bloomfield Elementary School
Snow Beast	D8	McCool Junction Public School
Snow Big Red	D4	Shelby Rising City
Snow Blade	D4	Emmanuel-Faith Lutheran
Snow Day Hunter	D6	McCool Junction Public School
Snowbuster	D1	McCool Junction Public School
Snowbuster	-	Bloomfield Elementary School
Snow-tal Annihilation	D2	Bloomfield Elementary School
Winter Warrior	D5	McCool Junction Public School

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